

City of Deer Park
City Council Meeting
Municipal Building
April 22, 2013

President Comer opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk read the roll. Mr. Donnellon, Mr. Hall, Mrs. Hedger, Mr. Lehane, Ms. Newsom, Mr. Rapp, Mr. Tassell.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Hedger motioned to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2013 Council Meeting. Mr. Donnellon seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Public Comment – Citizens and Guests

Mayor Collins administered the Oath of Office to Deer Park's newest Police Officer, Ryan Faehr. Congratulations and welcome aboard Ryan!

Legislative and Finance

Mrs. Hedger asked the Clerk to read **ORDINANCE 2013-12 APPROVING THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL 100 AND THE CITY OF DEER PARK, AND AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF SAFETY-SERVICES TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** So read. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the 24 hour rule and was seconded by Mr. Lehane. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned to waive the three reading rule and Mr. Lehane seconded the motion. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Hedger motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Donnellon. Mr. Donnellon – aye, Mr. Hall – aye, Mrs. Hedger – aye, Mr. Lehane – aye, Ms. Newsom – aye, Mr. Rapp – aye, Mr. Tassell – aye. Motion carried.

Safety

Mr. Hall presented the March 2013 Police Report.

Mr. Lehane reported the Fire Board met recently and reported that the man injured in the fire in Silverton is now out of the ICU. The firemen involved in his rescue will be honored at an upcoming Silverton council meeting.

Mr. Berens reported the City recommends installing a fence between the Police Department and Chamberlin Park to eliminate foot traffic, as it is a safety issue. The Police Officers have needed to flee the parking lot in the event of an emergency while children are cutting through the area, creating a dangerous situation. The six foot high fence was in the original plans for the new building, but was eliminated in an effort to cut costs. The current project will cost about \$1500.00. Mr. Tassell suggested a fence that was not as tall so that the visibility in the park will not be compromised. Mr. Berens reported a fence that cannot be climbed is preferable, and there are cameras in the park so that the police officers can keep an eye on any activity in the park. Council was in agreement to move forward with the fence.

Mr. Donnellon asked if the Safe Routes to School project is now complete. Mr. Berens reported it is although there are some workmanship issues which he is addressing with the contractor.

Public Works

Mr. Lehane reported the recycling bins will be delivered the week of April 22.

Mr. Berens reported traffic light repairs have been done at Blue Ash and Galbraith. The lights have been re-wired and are working properly, at no cost to the City.

Mr. Berens reported the loops in the street at Plainfield and Galbraith need to be replaced, which will cost \$3000 - \$4000.

Mr. Berens reported Dalton Avenue will be completed in the next few weeks. Cincinnati Water Works is also paying for a grind and re-pave on the section of Dalton Avenue where the water mains were replaced near Galbraith.

Park Board Report – A Rozzi Fireworks show will take place at this year's Days in the Park festival on Sunday, August 4.

New Business

Mr. Tassell referenced a recent article in the newspaper regarding the E. Galbraith Senior Center, encouraging Council and residents to get involved in helping the facility improve. Mr. Ray Schneider addressed Council, explaining the facility was sold in 2003 and the takeover was not managed well. Mr. Schneider is taking the facility back over in July of this year and will restore it the type of senior care center that is used to be.

Public Comment – None.

Notable Communications – None.

Law Director – None.

Auditor – None.

Safety-Service Director – None.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Collins reported he received a letter from Cincinnati Metro informing him there will be changes to the bus routes that serve Deer Park and surrounding areas. There will be more direct buses with less frequent stops. The changes mostly affect Montgomery Road corridor.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hedger motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Hall. Motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Joseph W. Comer
President of Council

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council